WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION RECREATIONAL ISSUES WORKSHOP May 22, 2006



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Earth Day Celebration at DuPuis April 22, 2006

About 200 people participated

Activities during the event

- Educational booths from numerous
 Environmental, Recreational and youth
 groups
- > Guided bus tours of the area
- Wildlife, GIS and Champion Tree presentations
- > Art and painting Contest

OCEAN TO LAKE TRAIL EVENTS

February 18-23, 2006

- Equestrian ride from Riverbend Park to DuPuis (50 miles); more than 70 riders participated in the event.
- Third annual Florida Trail Association Ocean to Lake hike (72 miles). Twelve through hikers and 20+ participated.

Bird Watching Tours to STAs

STA5 -- 11 Bird watching tours (Saturdays)

of birders - 250+ (9 to 59 in each tour)

More than 100 species recorded

STA1W – 11 Bird watching tours (Saturdays)

of birders - from 5 to 37 in each tour

More than 50 species recorded

Kissimmee River Restoration

- 10,000 ft. of back filling of the C-38 canal Phase IV A
- Remove the 3 weirs
- Some dredging to reconnect canal to river system along Avon Park (west side)
- C-38 closure at Okeechobee-Osceola County line
- Safety Zone on Boney Marsh

KR Public Use Area Issues

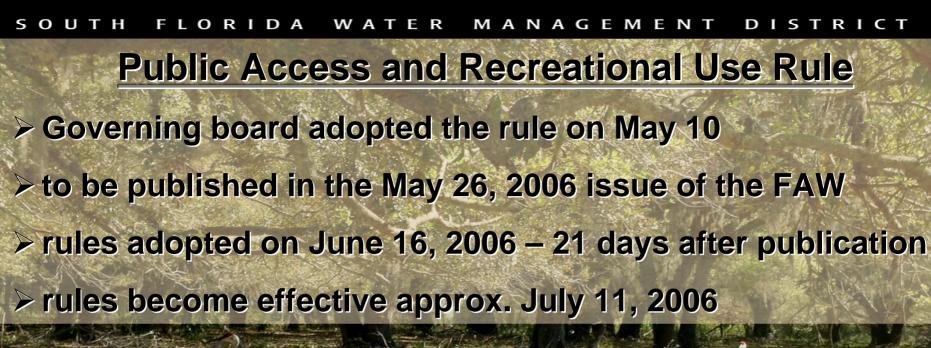
Raised at Kissimmee River users Meeting

- Use of boats in "No Airboat" Zone
- Monitor hunting dogs in Kissimmee River PUA
- > Saturday night coon ments at Hickory Hammock

Istokpoga Canal Recreational Area

- Separate boat ramps for airboats and motorboats
- > Construction starts in October 06 and ends in December 07







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